



HINRI Hosts September 1st Event to Celebrate Our Military and Announce Warrior to Citizen Pilot Program at Callaway Gardens

Atlanta (September 2011)-- HINRI, an Atlanta-based 501(c)3 non-profit with the mission of making GA the leading state in health innovation is hosting a "Celebration of Service and Sacrifice 10 Years After 9/11" on **September 1st at 11:30 AM at the Cobb Galleria Center**. This luncheon event is not a fundraiser, but a celebration of the service and sacrifice of our military heroes and recognition for several key Georgia non-profits that have supported these men, women, and their families. The objective of this event is to bring together leaders from across our state to make a solemn commitment that Georgia will be the number one state in the country in programs and services for military men, women, and their families.

As part of this mission, HINRI is announcing its partnership with the Warrior to Citizen program and the creation of one of the nation's first retreat centers for returning service people who have a high suicide risk due to their age and number of deployments. The retreat will welcome its first 100 families this Fall at Callaway Gardens (made available free of charge by the Callaway Foundation). Over the past five years the Warrior to Citizen initiative in Georgia has been the nation's leading National Guard and Reserve suicide prevention program. HINRI aims to extend this Warrior to Citizen effort to 'at-risk' servicemen transitioning from active duty to civilian life in a permanent facility at Callaway Gardens. The objective of this new program will be to create a safe environment for service members to decompress from the stress of combat and re-engage with their families before re-entering society. The retreat center will also provide educational classes in career development, marriage counseling, emotional support and other programs to assist in the transition to civilian life.

Georgia has the largest veteran population in the country and ranks fifth in active duty military personnel. In the US Military there are 58 attempted suicides every day, 19 of which are successful. The divorce rate is 68% for one deployment, 81% for two deployments and 93%+ for three or more deployments.

The event, which will feature many prominent GA military, political, business, and philanthropic leaders is open to the public and will celebrate the service and sacrifice of our military heroes as well as recognize several key Georgia non-profits that have supported these men, women, and their families. *The event is hosted by GA First Lady Sandra Deal, US Senator Johnny Isakson, General Larry Ellis, GA TAG MG Terry Nesbitt, David Ratcliffe, the former Chairman and CEO of Southern Company, Tom Chapman, the former Chairman and CEO of Equifax, Paul Wood, the CEO of Georgia EMC, Hon. Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of Augusta, Tim Stack, CEO of Piedmont Health, Nic Chronos, CEO of SJTRI, Dr. Bud Peterson, President of Georgia Tech, Dr. Ricardo Azziz, President of GHSU, Dink NeSmith, Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents and many other Georgia political, military, business, and philanthropic leaders.*

We would love to invite you to join us in this celebration on September 1st. To register please visit (www.hinri.org/september1). For any additional questions please contact Ross Mason at ross@hinri.com or 404.775.0404.